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ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ON CLIMATE

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1. REQUEST AMCONSUL LENINGRAD PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO
DR. YE. P. BORISENKOV, SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN, WORKING GROUP VIII.
REQUEST EMBASSY PASS COPY TO HYDROMET.

2. QUOTE DEAR DR. BORISENKOV: I AM WRITING YOU CONCERNING THA
JOINT BALLOON EXPERIMENT BEING ARRANGED BY THE UNIV OF WYOMING
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AND THE UNIV OF LENINGRAD. THIS PROJECT IS IN FULFILLMENT OF

SECTION 3.9 OF THE REPORT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF WORKING GROUP
VIII. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED DURING
THE RECENT MID-YEAR REVIEW OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN MOSCOW. AS
A RESULT, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IT IS THE WISH OF THE SOVIET SIDE
THAT THE US SCIENTISTS
PARTICIPATING IN THE EXPERIMENT SHOULD PLAN THEIR ARRIVAL IN
THE SOVIET UNION DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1 THROUGH JUL 10
OR AFTER JULY 20. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THESE DATES IS THAT THE
AIRCRAFT TO BE USED IN THE EXPERIMENT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE JULY
11 THROUGH JULY 19. IN DISCUSSING THESE ALTERNATE DATES
WITH THE US SCIENTISTS, I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT DR. HOFFMAN
OF THE UNIV OF WYOMING HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM ON
JUN 5, 1975, QUOTE JOINT WORK POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
SIGNED KONDRATYEV UNQUOTE. THIS HAS PRODUCED SOME CONFUSION
HERE. COULD YOU PLEASE CONFIRM THE STATUS OF THIS EXPERIMENT
AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN ORDER THAT THE US SIDE MAY PLAN
ACCORDINGLY. THE US SCIENTISTS ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO PROCEED
WITH THE EXPERIMENT AND COULD ARRIVE IN LENINGRAD ON 22 JUL
1975. AS 350 KILOGRAMS OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT WILL BE
REQUIRED FOR THE EXPERIMENT, A SHIPPING ADDRESS WILL BE REQUIRED.
WITH BEST REGARDS. EDWARD S. EPSTEIN UNQUOTE.

3. IF SOVIETS HAVE IN FACT MADE A TURNABOUT ON THIS
PROJECT WHICH APPEARED TO BE ON TRACK WE WOULD APPRECIATE
IF POSSIBLE EMBASSY/CONGEN ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET REASONS
FOR REVERSAL. KISSINGER

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